

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

May 26, 2010

- PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Terauds, Chair  
Ms. Catherine Thibeault, Vice Chair  
Ms. Susan Carroll  
Mr. Mark Archibald  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll  
Ms. Carly Sorenson  
Mr. Paul Matthews  
Mr. Arthur Irwin
- REGRETS: Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Ms. Tori Jarvis  
Ms. Lisa Miller  
Mr. Adam Conter (Absent)
- STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Officer  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall. He noted that a new committee member had been recently appointed, and he welcomed Mr. Paul Matthews to the Committee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Irwin that the minutes of April 28, 2010 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / STATUS SHEET:**

**4.1 Business Arising: None**

**4.2 Status Sheet:**

**4.2.1 Role of the HAC - Advice/Approval for Heritage Incentives Program**

Ms. Holm advised that there was report that will be coming forward on this matter.

**4.2.2 Potential Sale of the Main Library**

Ms. Holm advised that she spoke with Andy Fillmore recently and that there is no information to bring forward at this time.

**5. DEFERRED ITEMS: None**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:**

**6.1 Correspondence:**

The Chair advised that two letters have been submitted by Mr. Phil Pacey on behalf of Heritage Trust requesting permission to make presentations to the Committee when/if the applications are dealt with by the Committee. He explained that in the past, the Committee has often made a decision on the day that the matter has been dealt with. The Chair indicated that, given the advance request by Heritage Trust, the Committee consider the request at this time.

**MOVED by Ms. Thibeault, seconded by Mr. Archibald that Heritage Trust be granted an opportunity to make a short presentation to the Committee on the following applications when and/or if they are brought to the Heritage Advisory Committee:**

- TDB Halifax Holdings
- Case 15815 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and By-law

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**6.1.1 Letter from Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust dated March 22, 2010 RE: TDB Halifax Holdings**

- A letter dated March 22, 2010 was submitted from Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

This matter was dealt with in the motion noted above.

**6.1.2 Letter from Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust, dated May 18, 2010 RE: Case 15815 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and By-law**

- A letter dated May 18, 2010 was submitted from Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

This matter was dealt with in the motion noted above.

**6.2 Petitions:** None

**6.3 Presentations:** None

**6.4 Updates from HAC Members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-committees**

The Chair advised that he represents this Committee on the Urban Design Task Force and that he wanted to remind the Committee that there is an opportunity to voice opinion on where emphasis should be placed in regard to further areas of study. He explained that there had been some general work carried out city-wide and more specific work carried out in the downtown; next there will be several other areas identified and those areas will be ranked in terms of importance. The Chair advised that he believed it would be in this Committee's interest to put forward some areas that are historically significant and that the Committee would like to see higher up on the ranking list.

Following a brief discussion, the Chair advised that this matter would be placed on the Committee's next agenda.

**7 REPORTS:**

**7.1 Staff:**

**7.1.1 Case H00345 - Application to Consider 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property**

- A staff report dated May 11, 2010 was submitted.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Officer provided the staff presentation on the application by Jennifer Corson to have her property considered for municipal heritage designation. Ms. Holm pointed out that if the heritage designation is successful, the matter will come back to the Committee for a Development Agreement which the owner is proposing. She added that this was something to keep in mind, however, the purpose today was for the Committee to only consider the heritage evaluation.

Ms. Holm then introduced Ms. Jennifer Corson to the Committee. Ms. Corson provided a brief background on her purchase of the property and her future proposal.

In her presentation, Ms. Holm reviewed the history of the home's ownership, the style of the home and important architectural features of the home, other buildings onsite and grounds. She advised that the home, which is the main building on the property, was built in the Arts and Crafts style and designed by architect William Brown in 1914, and that the owners have the original plans signed by the architect. Ms. Holm noted that the home was largely intact with only two changes being made, but both are sympathetic to the building. With regard to other features on the site, she advised that there was a Gatehouse, a Pool Shanty, a Roost for wintering boats, unaltered views of the North West Arm, stone and granite walls, and landscaping which includes a rhododendron garden.

A discussion ensued with Ms. Holm and Ms. Corson responding to questions.

There was some discussion as to what features on the site should be included in the heritage evaluation. The Chair noted that the main house was the significant piece on the property and advised that rather than trying to determine what other features should be included and those that could be excluded, at this time the Committee consider all landscape features as historically significant. He added that any changes that occur would become part of the Development Agreement, which will come back to the Committee.

| Criterion  | Highest Possible Score | Score Awarded |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Age   | 25                     | 9             |
| 2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups <b>OR</b><br>2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era | 20                     | 17            |
| 3. Significance of Architect/Builder   | 10                     | 3             |
| 4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology   | 10                     | 3             |
| 4. b) Architectural Merit: Style   | 10                     | 7             |
| 5. Architectural Integrity   | 15                     | 13            |
| 6. Relationship to Surrounding Area  | 10                     | 8             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100</b>             | <b>60</b>     |

**SCORE NECESSARY FOR DESIGNATION = 50**

Designation Recommended?

YES

NO

**MOVED by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Thibeault, the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:**

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application; and**
- 2. Approve the registration of 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

There was also general consensus that, in addition to the building, the outbuildings and landscaping features are considered an integral part of the heritage value.

**7.2 Committee Members:** None

**8. ADDED ITEMS:** None

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - June 23, 2010

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant